### PATENT APPLICATION

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In compliance with 37 CFR §3.73(b), the undersigned hereby states that NGK INSULATORS, LTD. is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment from the inventors of the patent application identified above. A copy of the assignment is attached hereto and is concurrently being submitted for recordation.

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In accordance with 37 CFR §1.36(a), submission of this Power of Attorney revokes any powers of attorney previously given.

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